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PHA's housing stock to go on auction block

Largest landlord in city, beleaguered Philadelphia Housing Authority, will auction off 400 homes in first-ever mass sale ◗ Another 700 also approved for auction by federal government ◗ Will be held next month

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▶ Homes like 3022 Cambridge St. in Brewerytown will be auctioned off in the PHA's first-ever auction next month.

In a city littered with vacant, blighted properties, the Philadelphia Housing Authority is the biggest landlord, but officials announced plans Thursday to unload 400 properties in its first-ever auction.

The properties being auctioned off are among 1,100 that have been approved for sale by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which oversees PHA.

The properties, which are scattered across the city, range from town homes to vacant lots to multi-unit buildings. They will be offered individually as well as in groups of up to 25.

Auction details

Three information sessions will be held Oct. 19 and 26 and Nov. 3. The property list and maps are supposed to be available on www.maxspann.com, but a visit to the auction company's website Thursday didn't turn up any Philadelphia properties.

The auction will take place Nov. 16 at PHA's Greater Grays Ferry Estate with Max Spann Real Estate and Auction Co. presiding over the auction. Officials made the announcement from the 3000 block of Cambridge Street in Brewerytown, where five unfinished PHA homes dot the block.

'Vacant for years'

Neighbor Danielle Conyers said she supports the idea of putting the properties into the hands of someone who will do something with them.

"I think it's really great because there are a couple houses that I'm sure have been vacant for a good amount of years," said Conyers, 23, an Art Institute student. "It's a really nice neighborhood."

"This is actually one of the hottest areas in terms of the level of interest for developers, particularly smaller developers purchasing properties," said City Councilman Darrell Clark. "The questions come up time after time from those developers about 'What about our ability to acquire these properties' and unfortunately they haven't been available, so I expect these to go [quickly]."

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In the news

Support for Shale lawsuit

Philadelphia City Council approved Thursday — to riotous applause — a resolution supporting lawsuits brought by the attorney general of New York against the Delaware River Basin Commission to delay Marcellus Shale drilling until a full environmental impact study.

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▶ Roque

Charges in fatal crash

WISSINOMING. Police made an arrest in a fatal hit-and-run last month.

Angel Roque, 28, of the 4800 block of Devereaux Avenue, was arrested Thursday for allegedly striking Joyce Kenny, 46, with his GMC pickup truck on the 5400 block of Torresdale Avenue and then driving away. Kenny was pronounced dead on the scene.

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Hollywood D-list hits the Kimmel

CENTER CITY. "The Mighty Macs," a movie detailing the 1971-72 Immaculata University women's basketball team, holds its world premiere Friday at the Kimmel Center.

Expected attendees include cast members Carla Gugino, David Boreanaz and Marley Shelton, as well Archbishop Charles Chaput, Mayor Michael Nutter and former Immaculata coach Cathy Rush, who was recently inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

The movie opens in theaters on Oct. 21.

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Two shot in Elmwood

WEST PHILADELPHIA. Police are investigating a double shooting that critically injured one late Wednesday night.

Police responding to 60th and Upland streets shortly after 11:50 p.m. found a man, 23, shot in the head. He was taken to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in critical condition.

A second man, 24, was shot in the hand and is stable. METRO/AW

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▶ Goode once again succeeded in having Council accept his proposals, but will Mayor Nutter?

Sick-leave law will reach into kitchens

Workers testified Thursday that they waited tables sick ◐ Law will only affect city-contracted businesses

City Council passed legislation Thursday requiring city employers or those who receive city leases, financial aid or contracts to provide full-time employees with paid sick-leave days.

At the hearing, workers testified about being forced to show up for work sick for fear of losing a valuable day's pay — or their jobs.

Andrea LeMoins, coordinator of the Restaurant Opportunities Center and former pastry chef, said that she has made and served birthday cake to Mayor Michael Nutter while ill and cheesecake to former Gov. Ed Rendell during a bout of pneumonia.

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"We need to look at the legislation and confer internally and will then [decide]."

MARK MCDONALD, MAYOR MICHAEL NUTTER'S SPOKESMAN, ON WHETHER NUTTER WILL VETO THE LAW

Kathy Black testified on behalf of Barbara Rusello, who worked at Philadelphia International Airport. "She caught the flu last year and, though she tried to keep the germs to herself, she poured drinks and served food all day," Black said.

Andre Butler, a banquet server of five years, said that even when he severely injured his back he still took jobs offered through an employment agency because he needed the money.

His back gave out during a hotel dinner, causing him to drop a tray of steaming hot entrees. "I just missed the guests," he said. "When something happens and someone sues your business ... is it worth it?"

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'Just don't take city money'

Mary Quinn of the Business Owners and Managers Association in Philadelphia was harshly rebuked after she testified against the bill. "From a business perspective, the bill stands to become yet another impediment for economic development in the city," she said.

After confirming that BOMA and Chamber of Commerce officials, who also opposed the bill, were themselves afforded paid sick leave, bill sponsor Councilman Wilson Goode, Jr., said, "At the end of the day, if BOMA doesn't want to follow this requirement, just don't take any money from the city."

"We should not have to choose between being pro-worker and pro-business. It's a false choice being presented by the Chamber of Commerce and those wishing to suck up to them."

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More laws

Other bills sponsored by Councilman Wilson Goode, Jr. that passed in Council Thursday included:

- **A bill establishing a Living Wage and Benefits Review Committee**
- **An Economic Opportunity Transparency bill,** which requires city contractors or recipients of financial aid to submit an economic opportunity plan to Council
- **A new CDC Tax agreement bill,** which gives tax credits to businesses that donate to a local community development corporation

Twenty-four riders hurt in train crash

Allegedly drunk man leaves car on Norristown high-speed tracks Tough train commute for many

A Norristown high-speed line train crashed into a car parked on the tracks in Haverford during the first trip of the morning Thursday, and 24 passengers went to area hospitals after the wreck, SEPTA said.

None of the passengers suffered life-threatening injuries in the crash at about 4:30 a.m., SEPTA spokesman Andy Busch said. Reports later in the day said police believe the man who left his car on the tracks was drunk.

The unidentified man from Haverford was driving home from a nearby bar, officials reportedly said, when he drove onto the tracks heading in the wrong direction between the Beachwood-Brookline and Wynnewood stations. He left the car on the tracks for an unknown reason, Busch said, then returned after the crash.

▶ SEPTA train

The line operated with delays for about four hours, Busch said, before both inbound and outbound tracks were reopened. The car was badly damaged in the crash and the train suffered minor damage in the collision.

The head-scratching incident wasn't the only problem for SEPTA's rush hour rides. A Regional Rail train car became disabled on the busy tracks between Temple University's station and Market East station shortly before 9 a.m. It eventually arrived in the station about an hour later, but caused 20-minute delays on four rail lines.

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Occupy Philly. Day Eight

▶ Occupy Philly member Christian McGill, of Somers Point, N.J., relocated his tent at Dilworth Plaza Thursday.

Under seige of homeless, weather

Thursday was Day Eight of Occupy Philly and — with poor weather and resource strains — the movement continued to show signs of stress. A new homeless outreach committee was established in an attempt to solicit outside agencies to bring extra food supplies, mental health assistance and permanent housing options to the transient population of the encampment, which continues to grow.

Fun parody on Anthropologie

PHILADELPHIA. Ever find yourself browsing in Anthropologie and question why a camel-print dress is priced so high? Or wonder about the awkward locations the models pose in? You are not alone.

"Anthroparodie" is a new website dedicated to lightly mocking the women's retailer, which is headquartered in Philadelphia. Using actual images from Anthropologie's catalog, the site creates a name and description of the product, usually accompanied by an astronomical price tag.

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SEPTA and DA going after injury fakers

Insurance claims add up to millions each year for those hurt ◐ New initiative to reduce bogus claims

In November 2008, Ronald Moore saw a SEPTA bus involved in an accident, so he ran down the street, jumped on the bus and then stretched out across several seats before filing a claim stating that he was injured in the minor collision.

In March 2009, Milton Homes was driving an SUV on Cottman Avenue in the Northeast when he spun out and struck a SEPTA bus, but he claimed the bus crossed into oncoming traffic and struck his vehicle.

Instead of getting rich, both got caught as a result of surveillance cameras on SEPTA buses. They received probation and $1,000 fines after pleading guilty to insurance fraud. Those were among the cases highlighted yesterday as SEPTA and District Attorney Seth Williams announced an anti-fraud campaign to reduce bogus claims.

"A small segment of our riders believe in the urban legend that being involved on a SEPTA vehicle that's involved in an accident is akin to winning the lottery. They dream of a SEPTA payday based on frivolous injury claims," said SEPTA General Manager Joe Casey.

Prosecutors said insurance fraud is a felony, which usually comes with probation and a fine.

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Live on camera

As part of the campaign, local televisions will air two public service announcements recorded by Williams warning about the repercussions of filing a false claim. Go to www.metro.us to view videos of two cases of fraud on SEPTA transit that were caught on surveillance cameras.

Injury payouts at $40 million

Since 2009, SEPTA's total payouts for injury claims has increased more than 10 percent to $40 million. The agency has referred 40 cases of possible fraud to Williams' office in the last year.

One-third of buses are now equipped with cameras, and SEPTA expects them to be installed on the rest of the fleet by 2013.

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▶ SEPTA surveillance is also taking photos on its system to help prevent insurance fraud.

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▶ Rajaratnam

Insider trading sentence

NEW YORK. Raj Rajaratnam, a self-made hedge fund tycoon convicted in the biggest Wall Street trading scandal in a generation, was ordered to serve 11 years in prison, the longest sentence ever in an insider-trading case but far less than prosecutors sought. Thursday's sentencing caps a prosecution that shocked the investment world. **REUTERS**

Buffett son: He won't quit

NEW YORK. Howard Buffett said his father, billionaire Warren Buffett, plans to work until death leading Berkshire Hathaway and isn't considering retirement.

"That word is not in his vocabulary," Howard Buffett said in an interview yesterday in Des Moines, Iowa. "He says when he goes to the grave he will communicate with us via Ouija board." **BLOOMBERG**

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BlackBerry does damage control

- RIM execs go on PR offensive over global outages
- Not good for firm that seems to be losing out to Apple

Research In Motion has fixed the root cause of a global disruption of BlackBerry services and is still working to clear a backlog of delayed messages, its co-CEOs said on Thursday, hoping to control the damage to RIM four days after the outage began.

The chief executives — Mike Lazaridis and Jim Balsillie — apologized for the system-wide failure that left millions of BlackBerry users without e-mail, instant messaging and browsing, and said the company would work to regain their customers' trust.

"Our inability to quickly fix this has been frustrating," Lazaridis said, sounding contrite. "We are taking immediate and aggressive steps to minimize risk of this happening again."

▶ Are BlackBerry users a dying breed?

In other fruit news

Meanwhile, Apple's newest iPhone sold out for pre-order at AT&T, Verizon Wireless and Sprint Nextel a day before the device officially goes on sale, according to carriers' websites. **BLOOMBERG**

Asked about whether RIM would pay compensation to carriers or enterprises that pay a monthly fee for its gold-standard messaging services, Balsillie suggested the company would consider that question in the coming days.

"Our focus has been 100 percent on getting the systems up and running. ... That's been our focus throughout the night. ... And that's something we're going to focus on now."

A number of network providers around the world have already said they would compensate their customers over the lost service.

The outage and sluggish communications with customers have fanned rising dissatisfaction with RIM. **REUTERS**

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The Middle East. Assassination attempt

▶ A woman walks past an anti-U.S. mural on the wall of the former U.S. embassy in Tehran.

Obama threatens Iran over plot

President Barack Obama warned Iran on Thursday it would face the toughest possible sanctions for an alleged plot to kill the Saudi ambassador to Washington, as officials eyed action against its central bank. In Washington, Obama told a news conference that the United States would not take any options off the table in dealing with Iran, a phrase U.S. officials regularly use toward Tehran that is diplomatic code for the possibility of military action. "This is part of a pattern of dangerous and reckless behavior by the Iranian government," Obama said in his first public comments on the affair. **REUTERS**

Opinion

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LOST IN THE CORN MAZE

When I heard this week about that family in Massachusetts getting so lost in a corn maze that they called 911, two questions came to mind: How is it possible that they could negotiate a cell phone contract, but were outwitted by a grain crop? And why does this story remind me so much of D.C.?

The second one I can answer: Because in terms of the economy, this city is filled with befuddled politicians trying to find a way out — and bending a lot of ears in the process.

President Obama has just spent weeks hopping on hay bales around the country to explain his jobs plan, but all he's harvested is a bumper crop of complaints on Capitol Hill. I can imagine him and Harry Reid looking over the bill like an old, rusty tractor. "I don't know, Mr. President. We might be able to salvage a part or two, but mainly it's just going for scrap."

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"Despite what anyone pledges as this campaign grinds on, there is nothing like an easy fix out there."

On the Republican side, every day seems to bring another scheme for lowering unemployment and balancing the budget: incentives for business, tax reform, less regulation, more manufacturing. I think the latest involves selling San Francisco to the Canadians.

Herman Cain, the pizza baron, is trying to play rainmaker with his 9-9-9 plan, which calls for a 9 percent income tax, 9 percent corporate tax and 9 percent sales tax. (I assume we'll also have to tip if it's delivered in 30 minutes or less.) He says it will streamline the tax code, produce as much revenue as the current system and provide for substantial growth to boot. Problem is, economic analysts see so many variables in his plan that a forecast of what might really happen could just as accurately be taken from the Old Farmer's Almanac. "Yep, here 'tis, on page twenty-seven. A balanced budget!"

And truthfully, that is the reason all these political types are lost in the corn maze. The problems in the economy, and the challenge of creating jobs, are genuinely daunting. Even the most promising notions are fraught with uncertainty.

Come to think of it, maybe being lost in a corn maze would not be bad. At least for the next 13 months.

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▶ Staff can enjoy a game of "World of Warcraft" in the Foxconn's Internet cafe.

Welcome to iPad City

Steve Jobs has been described as an icon, a visionary, a magician

If he was a magician, then Pi County in western China is where the magic happens

The massive industrial building resembles a white cube with sparse, narrow windows. This factory in Pi County — Sichuan Province, the poor and heavily populated region in southwest China — is run by the world's largest electronics maker Foxconn — and it's where two out of three iPads are made. "It's as big as Monaco," our taxi driver proudly says. But it's much less chic: Its staff works 12 hours a day, six days a week for 2,000 yuan ($315) a month, including overtime.

Workers live in De Yuan village, 15 kilometers away from Pi County and filled with 18-story dorms. "I pay $15 per month for a room that I share with 5 other workers," says Zhang, 30. His wife lives in a female dorm nearby. Their 3-year-old son is raised by grandparents in their hometown. To catch up with the world's iPad frenzy, Foxconn Pi County will employ 350,000 people by late 2012. As a result, noisy cranes run night and day erecting more dorms.

For leisure time, Foxconn installed hundreds of ping-pong tables, convenience stores and comfortable Internet cafes. After their shift, most male workers rush for a game of "World of Warcraft." But Foxconn prefers to have its workers sleeping.

Outside, guards are chasing illegal vendors of cheap noodles. "Foxconn people must eat at Foxconn canteen because it's more convenient," someone tells us.

In "iPad City," as the factory is known, every minute matters. "Six days a week, I wake up at 6 a.m., wait for a bus until 6:40, work from 7:30 until 20:30, with one hour break for lunch, that includes a 30-minute wait to get served. I am home at 9 p.m. I only have one hour left before dorm guards turn off the lights," says Xiao, 19.

Checking the quality of 1,100 iPads a day exhausts him. But it's hard to leave.

"When my friend tried to resign," Xiao says, "some HR manager asked him to wait for another month because he had to deal with 40,000 resignation letters."

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Expansion

Taiwan's Foxconn confirmed it will start producing iPads in Brazil in December, but it's still negotiating a multibillion-dollar expansion plan, senior company and government officials said Thursday. President Dilma Rousseff first announced the Foxconn proposal to build Apple's hot-selling tablet in Brazil during an official visit to China in April.

Hail to the party

Last May, an accidental explosion happened at the polishing workshop for aluminum iPads, killing three workers and injuring 16. Local journalists were not allowed to report the tragedy.

Despite accidents and exhausting days, Foxconn enjoys an endless flow of workers, thanks to the Communist bureaucracy. Many workers told us they had been hired by their village's party chief. "At every level, officials must reach labor quotas for Foxconn in order to keep public funds. My wife and I accepted a job there. As a reward, the Party chief married us quickly, although she was from another province." But the couple won't stay long in Pi County. "We still dream of setting up our own little business, like selling phones in the countryside ... maybe fake iPhones."

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iPhones corrupt society?

For Chinese middle- and upper-class people, the iPhone has become a valuable gift to pay respect or obtain favors.

"I will offer an iPhone 4 to my son's English teacher so that he can pay more attention to him," one mother tells Metro, outside an Apple Store in Beijing's trendy Sanlitun district.

In big cities, where it's not uncommon for some companies to target underpaid Chinese journalists to get stories and interviews, "red envelopes" filled with 100 yuan notes ($15) have been replaced with fancy Apple products.

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WEEKEND

Steve Martin, Owen Wilson and Jack Black — stars of 'The Big Year' — discuss birding, the people who have a passion for it, and why they don't

This one's for the birds

▶ From left: Owen Wilson, Steve Martin and Jack Black play men with a passion for birding in "The Big Year," in theaters Friday.

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While they may be gifted in many other areas, comic actors Steve Martin, Owen Wilson and Jack Black all lack the skill to be a birder — birder being the formal term for an avid bird watcher. All three portray avian enthusiasts in their new film "The Big Year," but they openly admit to their lack of enthusiasm for our feathered friends.

"We did a lot of extensive research," says Martin. "Meaning that Jack did and then we asked him about it."

While Black is more modest about his preparation for the role, he adds that becoming a birder is more a matter of inspired vocation than choice.

Q&A

You're all funny guys. Did you pull any pranks on each other on set?

Martin: I'm not a prankster.
Wilson: Come on, Steve, on April Fools Day — you wait for that day.
Martin: On April Fools I go around changing people's calendars to the second. When I hear about a prank-filled set, I just think, "Ugh I'm so glad I'm not in that movie."
Black: Every time I'm on a press junket, I always regret that I didn't pull some kind of George Clooney prank so that I would have a prank to talk about later. We really missed an opportunity there, guys.

"You could read about birding and do research about birding but you can't really decide you want to be a birder," he says. "You have to have the compulsion, the obsession with birds. I don't share that with the birding society at large but it was fun to hang out with some birders and watch them in action, because it's kind of remarkable. They'll be able to spot something really far away and they'll say, 'That's the Mongolian goose.'"

"The Big Year" takes its title from an actual competition in which birders attempt to see the most species of birds within a set geographical location in one year or less. For Wilson, who plays the reigning champ of the previous Big Year, the sporting spirit of the three men vying for the top spot suited his own competitive streak.

"I think I can get very competitive about some things. Growing up with two brothers, we were all intensely competitive with anything — ping-pong, with skipping a stone, anything," he says. "That part of the character I can relate to. I understood where everybody [in the story] was coming from and that's what I like when I read [a script]."

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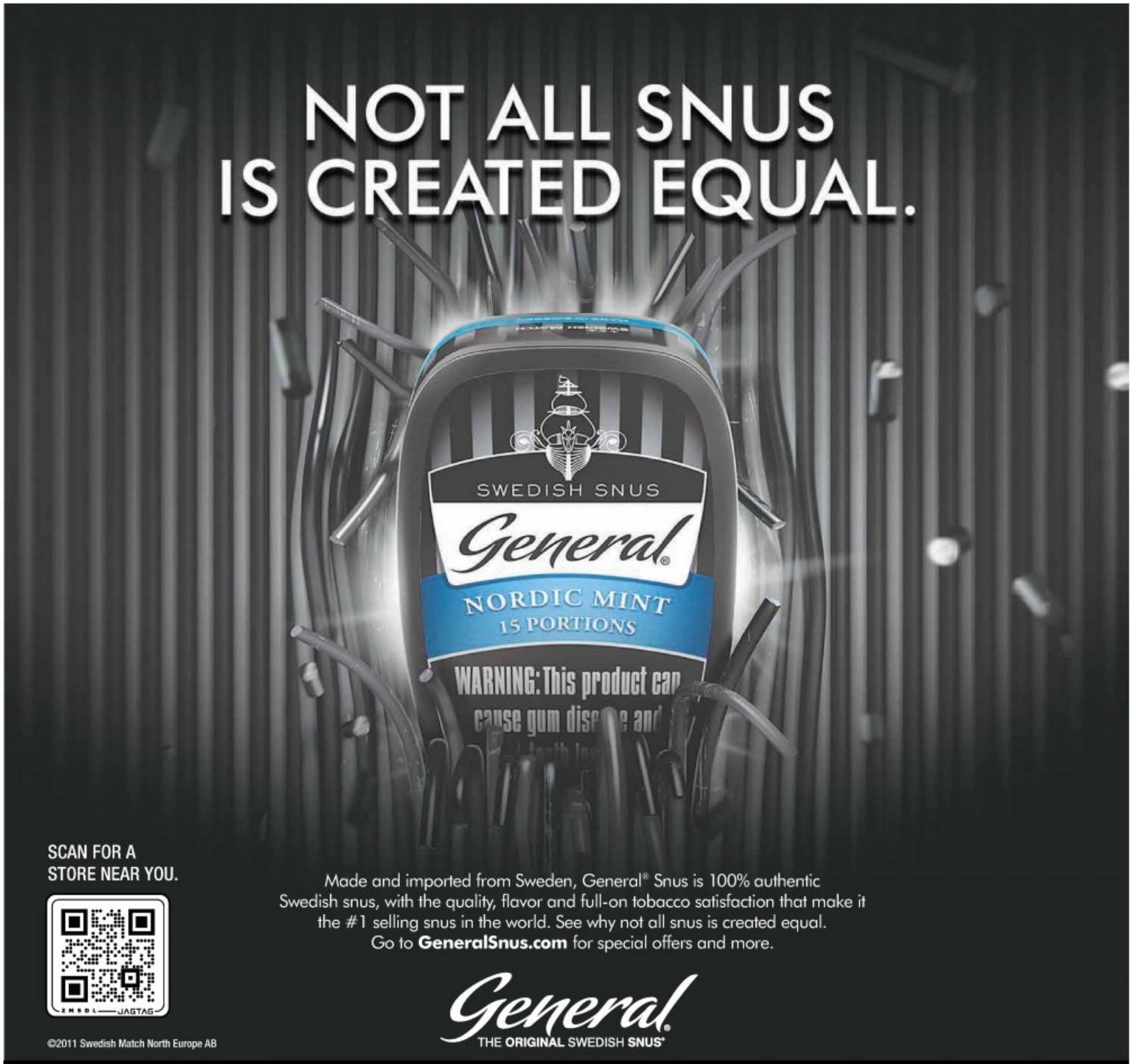
Wilson and Black debate the value of the American Eagle

Wilson: One of the highlights for me was seeing an eagle. Then it turns out, we saw thousands of eagles, so it lost its excitement. But the first time we saw an eagle, we were filming in Canada. But then it was odd to see that eagles are sort of like buzzards. They're scavengers.
Black: How dare you? The American Eagle!
Wilson: But at the dump was where we saw the most eagles. They were just hanging out. They were —
Black: I don't like where this conversation is going. Can we change the subject? I'm very patriotic.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Cast: Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Joel Edgerton
Rating: R **Grade:** ●●●○○
Classic sci-fi thriller "The Thing" gets its first makeover in nearly 30 years in this updated prequel about a replicating alien killing off stranded scientists in remote Antarctica. While the film delivers serviceable respect to John Carpenter's 1982 version with exemplary use of scenery, effects and a strong lead in Mary Elizabeth Winstead ("Final Destination 3"), the outcome is relatively predictable and the plot points somewhat transparent. STEVE GOW

▶ Mary Elizabeth Winstead and Joel Edgerton ready for battle in "The Thing."

Bird's the word

With three comedy vets starring in 'The Big Year,' the laughs should be more frequent than they are

KERRY HAYES

▶ Wilson, Black and Martin search for some decent jokes.

'The Big Year'
Director: David Frankel
Cast: Steve Martin, Owen Wilson, Jack Black
Rating: PG **Grade:** ●●●○○
Hollywood movies are either designed for big ticket sales or for the critics' approval. Rarely do they satisfy both goals at once. "The Big Year," helmed by "Marley and Me" director David Frankel, tries, with the intensity of the story's intrepid birders, for box office gold. But in making a movie for everybody, they end up with a film that no one can get very excited about.

The humor is toothless. The topic of birders might be fertile ground for all manner of nerdy fanny pack jokes, birding puns, whatever — it's never fully tapped here. This film was made with a deep respect for the hobby of bird-watching, but perhaps a dollop of irreverence for the mission at hand would've made it a more relateable and enjoyable experience to watch.

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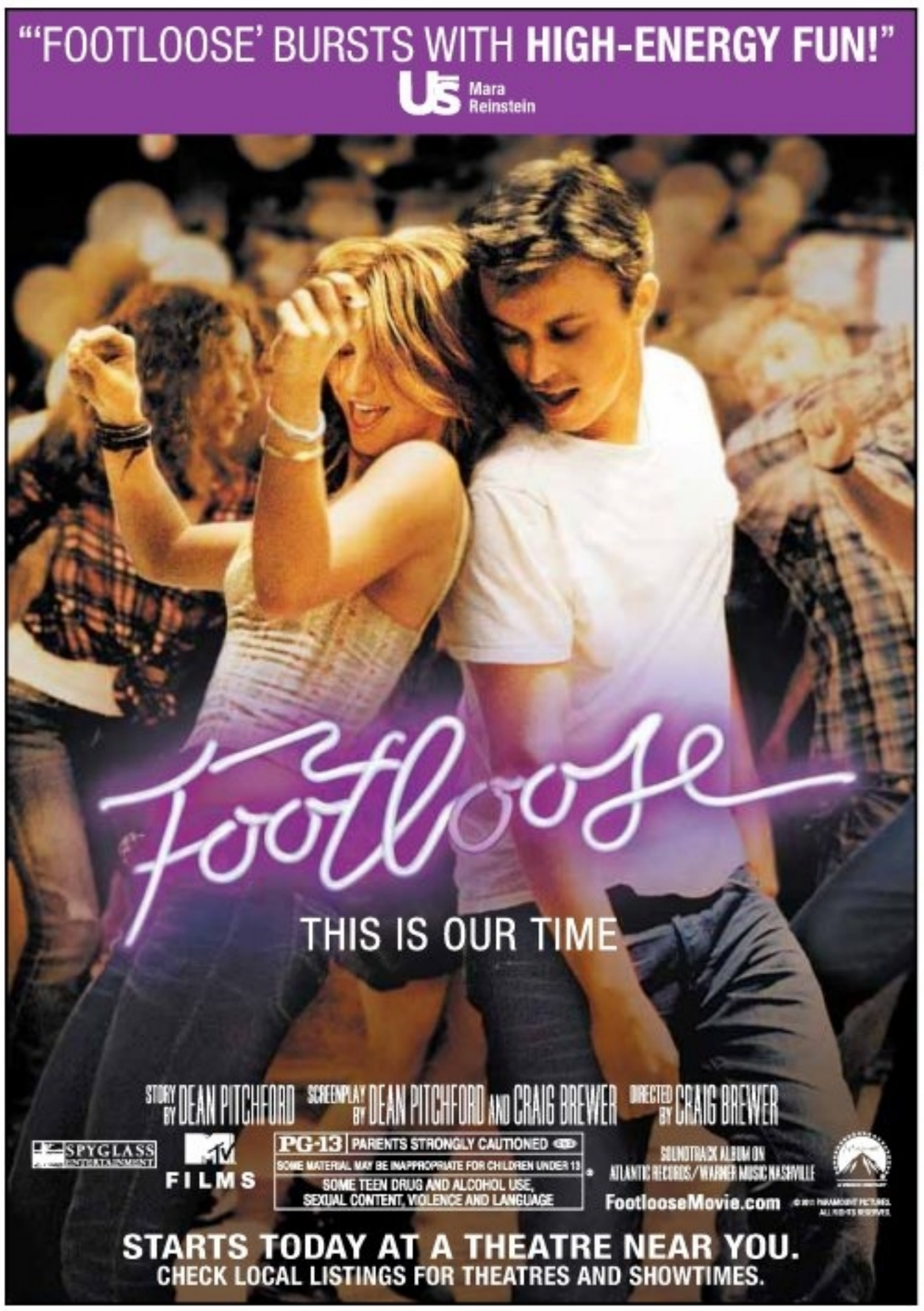
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Kenny Wormald fills Kevin Bacon's big dancing shoes in the remake of the '80s classic 'Footloose' The film is a joyous and respectful ode to the original version

Look, before you decry a remake of "Footloose" and figure the Hollywood machine can't do justice to your favorite '80s movie, remember: The original "Footloose" wasn't "Citizen Kane."

The reason "Footloose" had such resonance with people of a certain age was because it was an entertaining movie with a killer soundtrack. It was about kids having a little break from parental tyranny. And then there was a foxy, young Kevin Bacon — a rebel in a red tuxedo. It was a recipe for huge success.

Luckily, the new "Footloose" doesn't stray too far from the original formula.

If you go

'Footloose'
Director: Craig Brewer
Stars: Kenny Wormald, Julianne Hough, Andie MacDowell, Dennis Quaid
Rating: PG-13
Grade: B

With a little updating and a little more grit, director Craig Brewer, known for edgier fare such as "Hustle & Flow" and "Black Snake Moan," has created a kick-ass homage. His version covers all of the bases: close-ups on dancing feet, a few of the classic songs and even familiar outfits. It's faithful to the original without being stodgy.

Kenny Wormald, the man who has to fill Bacon's large dancing shoes, does an admirable job in the lead role. He plays the rebel Ren with adorable aplomb. He might not have the limber grace of Bacon, but he gives the dance scenes his all.

Yes, there are moments of pure absurdity (in a time of teen pregnancy, gangs and failing schools, a ban on dancing seems far too quaint) and there might be some cringe-worthy lines, but the heart of "Footloose" — teenagers who just want to be teenagers — isn't lost.

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THE THING (R) Fri 2:45, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20; Sat 9:50-12:20-2:45-5:10-7:40-10:20.; Sun 9:50-12:20-2:45-5:10-7:40.
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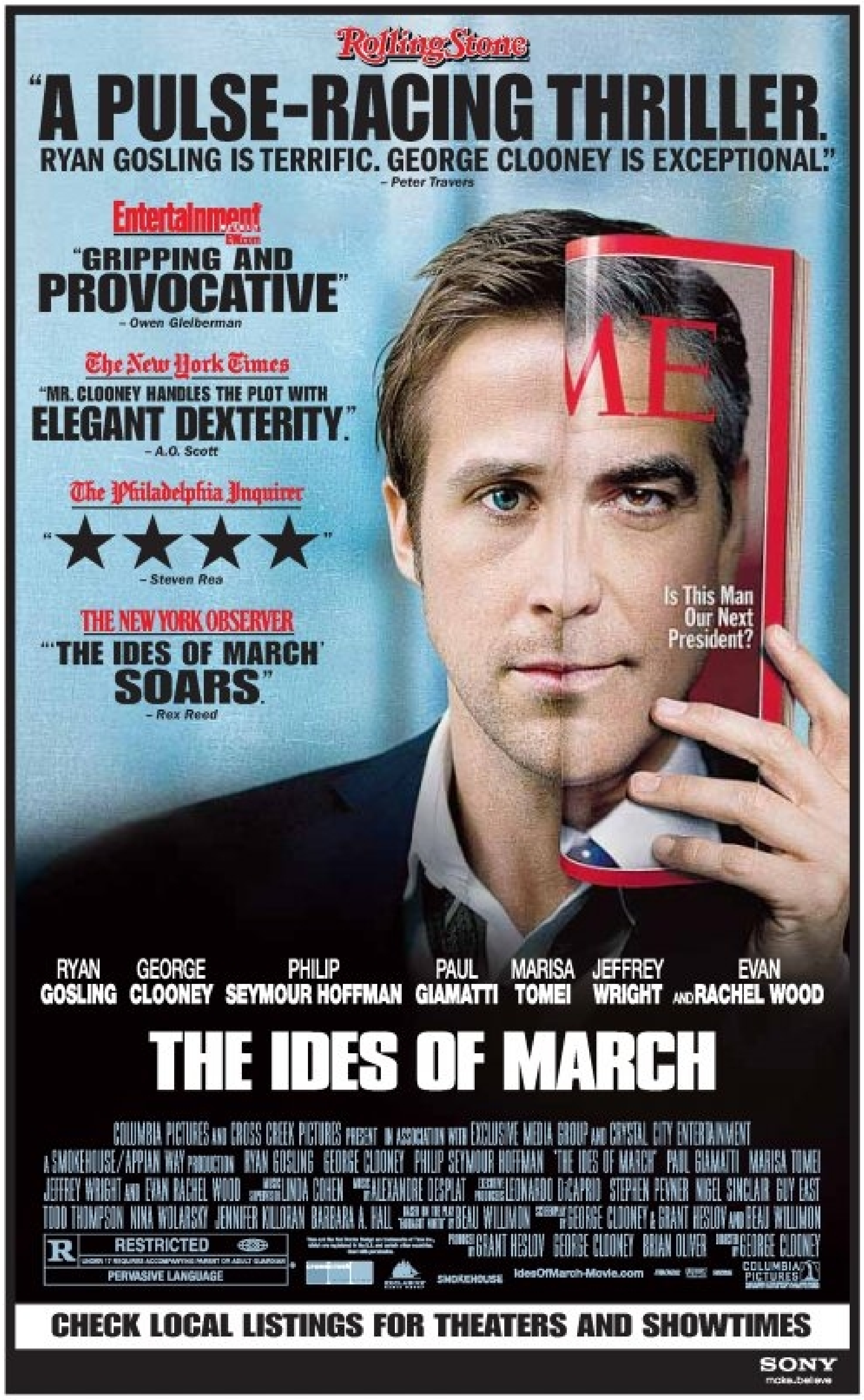

‘It’s really fun to see women

Mary Elizabeth Winstead would know She goes on the attack in a remake of ‘The Thing’ Why she enjoyed starring in a film set in Antartica (hint: no bikini workout required) The female characters she likes to play

With titles like “Final Destination 3,” “The Ring Two” and “Black Christmas” in her filmography, actress Mary Elizabeth Winstead is no stranger to onscreen horror. So a prequel to “The Thing” was right up her alley. Plus, the Antarctic setting didn’t allow for much in the way of revealing costumes, which is something Winstead says she appreciated. She shares with Metro her rather frank opinions on the topic, as well as her unique connection to the star of the original 1982 “The Thing.”

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How did you feel about this being a prequel as opposed to a remake?

Knowing that it was from Strike Entertainment, it was sort of a clue that these were the kind of people — from their past work like “Dawn of the Dead” — [who] have a grasp on how to take material and make something new out of it that’s still respectful and interesting and not just a retread that’s more modern and more schlocky than the first one that came around. They were really intelligent, really adamant about keeping things practical, keeping things slow, keeping things in the tone and feel of the ’80s version and not trying to tarnish the legacy of that by acting like it never existed.

And then there’s the title. They’re both “The Thing.”

Yeah, I know. I think that with the people at Strike. I’ve read interviews with them where they’re basically like, “We just couldn’t win. Basically, any title we came up with just sounded stupid no matter what we tried, and so we just stuck with ‘The Thing,’ you know?”

Comparisons to Sigourney Weaver’s character in “Alien” is almost inevitable here.

I love them. I have a particular fondness for strong women onscreen who are also realistic. Like, it’s really fun to see women kicking ass and being super-powerful; but at the same time, I feel like there’s this niche that we don’t see of women who are just realistically strong and smart and take care of themselves but aren’t, like, beating up guys twice their size and knocking them out — things that just wouldn’t happen in the real world.

It’s interesting that filmmakers seem to think female characters have to be at one end of the spectrum or the other.

Every female character in a movie is over-sexualized or she’s played as shrill and neurotic or something that’s a very male perspective on different types of women that are out there. And I don’t know, I feel like a lot of actresses, when they play a super-sexual character, they’re like, “No, this is empowering and women owning our sexuality” and stuff. I get that, but I don’t feel like that’s what we’re really seeing for the most part. We’re seeing something very much made for the male gaze and very much made to make the male audience happy.

Well, you wear a parka for most of this movie.

Yeah, I know, it was awesome! I didn’t have to wear any makeup, and every day I would come to work and [director] Matthijs [van Heijningen] would look at me and be like, “Make her look worse!” It was nice. I liked it.

Q&A

On Russell ...

So, you’ve tangled with Kurt Russell in “Sky High,” sang with him in “Death Proof” and now you’re in the prequel to one of his films.

I know! I’m always following Kurt Russell, for some reason.

Has he seen this yet?

I have no idea. I mean, he’s so not a show business-type guy that I wouldn’t be surprised if he didn’t know that this exists. He probably in passing has heard about it, but I doubt he’s worrying about it too much.

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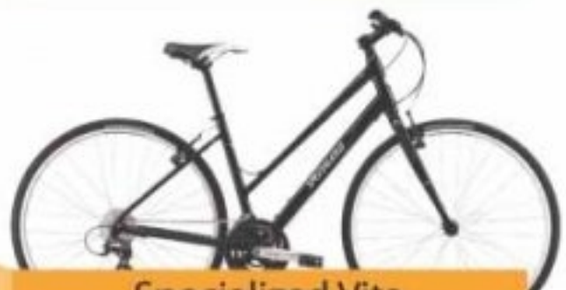
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▶ Mary Elizabeth Winstead sheds the parka she wore for the entire shoot of "The Thing."

Fact file

- **Scary résumé:** She quickly established herself as a modern scream queen with turns in "Final Destination 3," "The Ring Two" and "Black Christmas," for which she was nominated for a Scream Award. She also faced peril in Quentin Tarantino's "Death Proof" and as Bruce Willis' daughter in "Live Free or Die Hard."
- **Cult status:** Winstead is beloved by geeks the world over for playing hair dye-loving object of affection Ramona Flowers in 2010's "Scott Pilgrim vs. the World."
- **Next on tap:** In June 2012, Winstead hits cinemas as Mary Todd Lincoln in the hotly anticipated "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" — though she admits she didn't get to see much action, as Lincoln "hides that part of his life from his wife," she tells Metro. "It's not till the very end that I get a little bit involved in that sort of stuff. I just got to be very feminine and demure but feisty."

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Hitting the market with Melissa Clark

Make room for rutabagas in your shopping bag! The award-winning food writer shows us how to shop for (and even cook) in-season produce

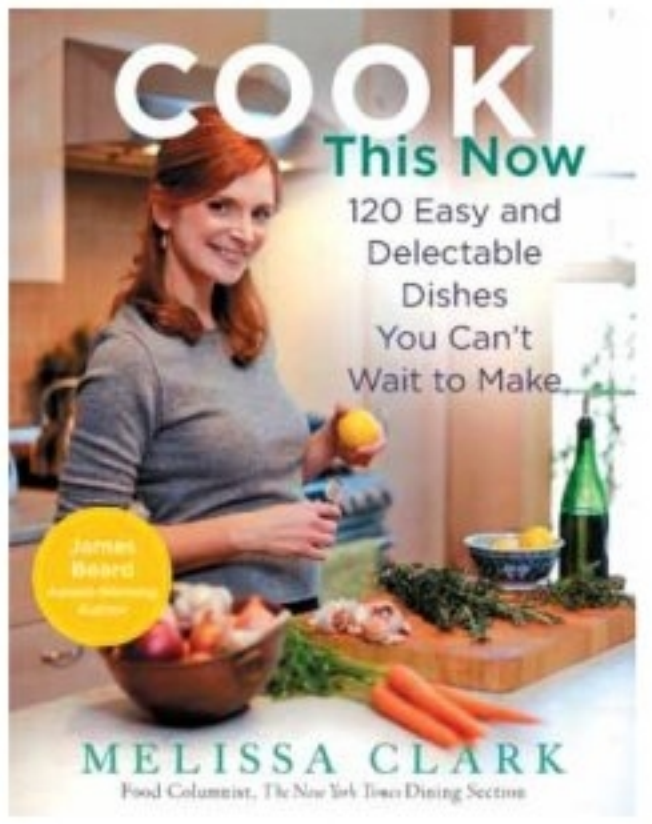
ANDREW SCRIVANI

▶ Find Clark's Cumin Seed Roasted Cauliflower with Salted Yogurt, Mint and Pomegranate Seeds recipe at www.metro.us/food. The author says to feel free to sub in Romanesco cauliflower instead of the regular kind.

We all aspire to spend weekend mornings strolling the farmers market in search of beautiful produce to whip up into Facebook-post-worthy meals. But those 40 kinds of greens, 20 varieties of heirloom tomatoes and stalls full of rare veggies (watermelon radishes, anyone?) can be confusing. And then you see apples! Sweet, familiar apples! So you buy a bag and get the hell out. Don't worry — you're not alone.

"Even for seasoned cooks, farmers markets can be really overwhelming," says New York Times "A Good Appetite" columnist Melissa Clark. "You don't know what the stuff is and you don't know what to buy to go with what, so you end up buying things you're really familiar with, and that's totally fine — but then you get sick of them."

Her new book, "Cook This Now," is filled with 120 easy recipes for in-season produce, as well as sweet personal stories to inspire you out of your "same ol' dinner" food rut. We're not running from the rutabagas anymore after Clark gave us some tips to shop the market like a pro.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Eavesdrop

"Chances are, when people are talking while shopping at the farmers market, they're talking about what they're going to cook. So I get great cooking tips just by eavesdropping. Saddle up to people who look like they're serious and just see what they're saying and going to buy."

Try something new

"Every time you go to the farmers market, buy one thing that you've never seen before. Even if you don't use it, or you throw it out, at least you bought it and you'll be more familiar with it for next time. And if you don't know what something is, Google it! You'll find a zillion ways to cook it. Also, just ask the farmer."

Pick your farmers

"There are going to be certain stands that you just like better for whatever reason. Not that one is better, but you like the vibe. For me, I like this one stand [Evolutionary Organics] because the woman who works there has cool tattoos. So I'm like, 'I like that place. I am going to go there.'"

Look beyond the veggies

"Don't think of farmers markets as just for fruits and vegetables. They have amazing meats and butter, cheese and bread. And eggs! You'll find amazing eggs there. The eggs we get from supermarkets are already 2 weeks old. And eggs last, like, a month. So fresh farmers market eggs will keep for a really long time."

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Since its founding in 1994, the Creole Choir of Cuba has celebrated their Haitian heritage in song, performing the music of West African ancestors enslaved in the Caribbean. But those laments and celebrations may never have felt quite as immediate as they did last year, when the Choir found itself singing in Port-au-Prince little more than a month after the devastating earthquake that brought Haiti to its knees.

"The effects of the Haitian disaster runs through every performance," says vocalist and Choir director Emilia Diaz Chavez. "While singing, we are reminded of the destruction from that time and we try to channel that, too. We felt the pain of the disaster firsthand; as our second home, it was a difficult time. However, this suffering will provoke intense creativity and deepen the emotive nature of Haitian music and art, following in the footsteps of Haitian heritage."

Known in Cuba as Grupo Vocal Desandann, the Choir is making its first-ever Philly appearance at the Painted Bride, although it's a delayed debut. The Choir was scheduled to appear in January, but visa issues kept them out of the country. Now that they're finally arriving, the members hope not only to present their gorgeous, spirited vocal music but a new portrait of Haiti itself. "Little is known about Haiti apart from stories of a poverty-stricken, catastrophe-afflicted island," says Chavez. "With our music, we hope to bring a different, more complex, image of Haiti to light: that of a culturally and artistically vibrant people."

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It's zen again for Gavin Rossdale

Bush frontman on overcoming the dwindling crowds and challenges of a solo career Now that the band is rocking again, he doesn't wanna come back down from this cloud

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Gavin Rossdale is on his tour bus, heading toward Grand Rapids, Michigan. It would be tempting to say something about him being on the road again, but really, despite becoming a husband (to No Doubt's Gwen Stefani) and father, the Bush frontman never really got off the road. His post-Bush band, Institute, and solo dabblings saw him performing, just not as much as in Bush's heady '90s heyday.

"I never really stopped being out there — I just operated on a different plane," Rossdale tells Metro. "It was a different atmosphere from doing my heavy rock band to my big ballad solo career."

That is, things got smaller. To paraphrase a line from the rock mockumentary "This is Spinal Tap," he found that his appeal was "becoming more selective."

Quoted

"I never really stopped being out there — I just operated on a different plane."
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"The whole thing was quite troubling," Rossdale muses. "It always felt I was in the right place doing the wrong thing. But, if you take away the commercial side — obviously, it didn't do as well as Bush — it was really rich, musically. I worked with so many people who were so experienced. I had to take it on the chin: This isn't going to be successful, don't worry about it."

With Bush reconvened — joining Rossdale and drummer Robin Goodridge are new members Chris Traynor and Corey Britz — and a new album, "The Sea of Memories," released last month, things have clicked back into place. "Now that I'm doing this it feels so brilliant," he says. "This is exactly where I should be, doing exactly what I should be doing, exactly who I should be doing it with. That doesn't happen often, does it?"

Is the '90s revival upon us?

"The Sea of Memories" picks up where Bush left off with anxious modern rock. "Bands become soundtracks to your life," says Rossdale. "When bands break up, everyone loses a little bit. We don't want people to stop; it says to us, 'Yeah, sorry. Everything fades.' When bands reform, everyone gets the sense of rejuvenation, 'Yeah! The party's still going!'"

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Just a little bit country

When an indie rocker met a folky singer-songwriter, The Heat Run took off Michael Schaller on his better half's 'outlaw country thing'

DAN BAKER

▶ The Heat Run bring it indoors this weekend for their show at Johnny Brenda's.

Michael Schaller was fronting the tight, poppy indie quartet Oso when he met his future wife at a festival gig in upstate New York a few years ago. The two now live in Conshohocken with their two children.

"I woke up in her tent, and we've been in love ever since," says Schaller. "She was playing me music that morning, and from that moment we've had a musical connection."

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The young lady was country singer-songwriter, Mandy Shearer (now Mandy Schaller).

Soon Michael would drop the Oso moniker, as Mandy's Virginia twang created a whole new sound for the band. The Heat Run was born, releasing their self-titled debut last March, with Mandy and Michael's relationship at the core of the band.

Tonight the full lineup of THR will play for the first time since their record release show, as accordion/sax-man Frank Ewing returns to the fold. And, with Mandy now co-authoring the tunes, their set promises plenty of good ol' country heartache alongside Michael's Oso-style ironic musings.

"[Mandy has] this outlaw country thing that really inspires me," says Schaller. "So my writing has been going in that country-folk direction for a while now."

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▶ New season, new zombies on "The Walking Dead."

'Our America with Lisa Ling'

REALITY. For the Season 2 opener, Lisa Ling's revealing documentary series turns its lens onto the amateur porn industry — to investigate, not, um, participate. **Season premiere, Sunday, 9 p.m., OWN**

'Don't Tell the Bride'

REALITY. Oh, you know no good is going to come out of a show with that title, particularly when you learn the premise of this British import involves the groom planning the entire wedding. **Series premiere, Saturday, 10 p.m., OWN**

'Why Am I Still Single?!'

REALITY. Because you search for love on a reality show? Desperate singles seek the advice of New York matchmaker Siggy Flicker in this new series. **Series premiere, Sunday, 9 p.m., VH1**

'Million Dollar Contractor'

REALITY. The big-budget projects of "Contractor to the Stars" Stephen Fanuka (his clients include Beyonce and Tony Bennett) give viewers a sneak peek inside some of Manhattan's high-end luxury homes — but his renovation tips work on any DIY budget. **Series premiere, Sunday, 10 p.m., DIY** ● AMBER RAY

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It's full speed ahead for Tyrese Gibson

- What's parked in the 'Fast Five' star's own garage?
- And what's all this talk about a sixth film?

Tyrese Gibson isn't slowing down anytime soon. The actor's mega-blockbuster "Fast Five" just hit shelves, and his fifth album, which already has two No. 1 singles, is being released in November. We caught up with the Renaissance man to talk cars, music and the future.

Are you as big as a car buff in real life as you are in "Fast Five"?
I love cars. I drive nothing but fast cars. I am real car-lover, not just made for TV.

What do you drive?
I drive a few little goodies. I drive a Bentley, Maserati. Sick little bottle rockets.

I heard that you filmed "Transformers" and "Fast Five" at the same time. Sounds like you were busy!
Yeah. It was a crazy summer. I was happy that we were able to schedule it out and I really felt good about the process of working on both films, two different beasts. It was a lot of fun. It was one of the best summers of my life.

In addition to keeping busy with acting, you also have some new music coming out soon.
Nov. 1, "Open Invitation," my best R&B album to date, is coming 11.1.11.

How do you know this is your the best album?
Well, because in the past I have had so many different cooks in the kitchen, opinions of songs and what direction my album should be in. I did this album all by myself this time and it's my labor of love.

"Fast Five" was such a big hit, how are you going to top it?
Well, I don't really know if the motivation is to top it. I think when it's time to do "Fast" we just try and have fun and make sure that we stay on the real motivation, which is the fans and their enjoyment. We want everybody leaving feeling like they had a good time, they were able to laugh, [they were] on the edge of their seats and [they] feel like a part of the mission. I really think we accomplished that in "Fast Five."

So are you saying that there's a "Fast Six" in the works?
I am saying that there is a "Fast Six" that is in motion. It's definitely in motion.

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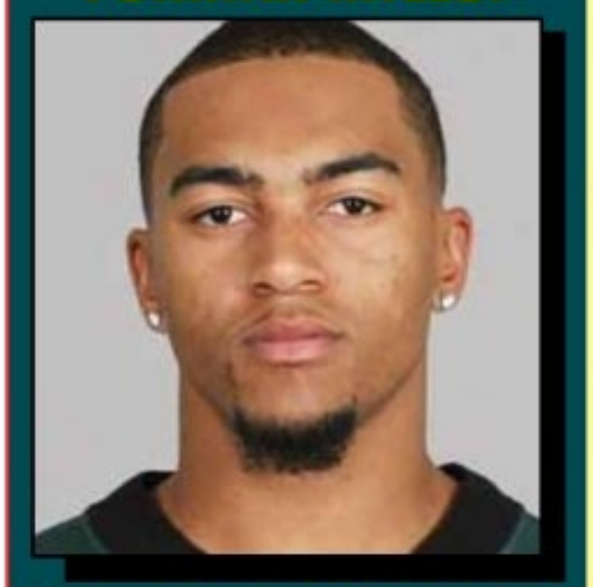

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@piersmorgan
Just got charged $3 and one cent for a coffee at San Francisco airport. And I had just $3 on me. Why the bloody one cent?

@Joan_Rivers
Let's all stop speculating about Ashton and Demi. We have no idea what those two are going through...aside from puberty and menopause.

@KChenoweth
Hi all! On the eliptical. I'd rather swallow tacks.

@SethMacFarlane
Was just in the bookstore — there is an entire section labeled "Teen Paranormal Romance". This is why the other countries are beating us.

@Danecook
I just said to a pregnant girl "when do you download your baby?" #techlife

Piers Morgan

THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Swank sorry for attending accused murderer's party

Hilary Swank is very, very sorry about attending a birthday party for Chechen president and accused human rights violator **Ramzan Kadyrov** earlier this month, according to The Associated Press. "I deeply regret attending this event. If I had a full understanding of what this event was apparently intended to be, I would never have gone," Swank said in a statement, released Thursday. The Oscar-winning actress claims the invitation was for a concert and made no reference to Kadyrov's birthday. She reportedly received millions for attending.

But here's the thing: The Human Rights Watch, who have taken the actress and the other celebrities who attended — including **Seal**, **Jean-Claude Van Damme**, and British violinist **Vanessa Mae** — to task, say they warned Swank about Kadryov's activities. She reportedly told them she had declined the invitation, but then went anyway.

▶ Jean-Claude Van Damme, center, looks at Chechen leader Ramzan Kadyrov, left, with Hilary Swank, right, at Kadyrov's 35th birthday party.

Some of the bad spots on Kadyrov's resume? House torchings, torture, abductions and murder. He has also permitted honor killings of his female citizens. Bad form, Swank. But if she gets an invitation from Iranian President **Mahmoud Ahmadinejad** to come over for Thanksgiving, hopefully she'll know now to turn him down.

Kutcher, Moore: Divorce likely

Ashton Kutcher is reportedly "expecting" **Demi Moore** to file for divorce after **Sara Leal** went public with details of her night with the "Two and a Half Men" star, according to Radar Online. "Ashton is absolutely gutted. Ashton had confessed his sexual relationship with Sara to Demi after it happened," a source says. "She's currently consulting with divorce attorneys. Ashton doesn't want her to file for divorce, and is hoping they can work it out. However, Ashton expects that Demi will likely file. He was hoping that Sara wouldn't give any interviews about their sexual encounter, but now she's spilling all the seedy details and it doesn't help matters at all."

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Talking points

A boy for Affleck and Garner?

Ben Affleck and **Jennifer Garner** are expecting their third child, and sources tell Life & Style that it will be their first boy. Affleck is reportedly thrilled to have a "little sports buddy," the source says. "He can't wait to take his son to baseball games and play catch with him." As for Garner, she "feels like she won't know what to do. She's close to her two sisters, and her instincts were spot-on with the girls. But she never had a brother and doesn't know the drill."

Phone hacker arrested

The FBI have arrested 35-year-old Florida resident **Christopher Chaney** in connection with **Scarlett Johansson**'s nude photo scandal, according to TMZ. Law enforcement officials claim he hacked into the actress' phone and e-mail using public information. Chaney is also believed to have also targeted **Vanessa Hudgens**, **Ali Larter**, **Jessica Alba** and **Christina Aguilera** — more than 50 victims in total. If convicted on all counts, he faces 121 years in federal prison.

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▶ Scarlett Johansson

Could a girl inherit the throne?

British Prime Minister **David Cameron** is working to change a law to ensure that if **Prince William**'s first-born child is a girl, she can still be Queen, according to People magazine. Currently, if William and **Kate**'s first child is a daughter but their second is a son, the boy would inherit the throne. "We espouse gender equality in all other aspects of life, and it is an anomaly that in the rules relating to the highest public officer we continue to enshrine male superiority," Cameron wrote in a statement.

These celebs could go up a pant size or two

1. "Project Runway" winner Seth Aaron sported ultra, ultra tight skinnys as he visited Short Hills, N.J., last October. Give New Jersey something to talk about, Aaron!

2. Saved by the scarf: Just looking at this photo of Russell Brand at this year's VMA's makes us really uncomfortable.

3. New York-based performance artist Breedlove at a Las Vegas performance last year. It just goes to show for most artists, times really are tight.

4. Adam Lambert tried to tone it down while attending a PFLAG event in California in September, but the seams on his tapered trousers might have been screaming still.

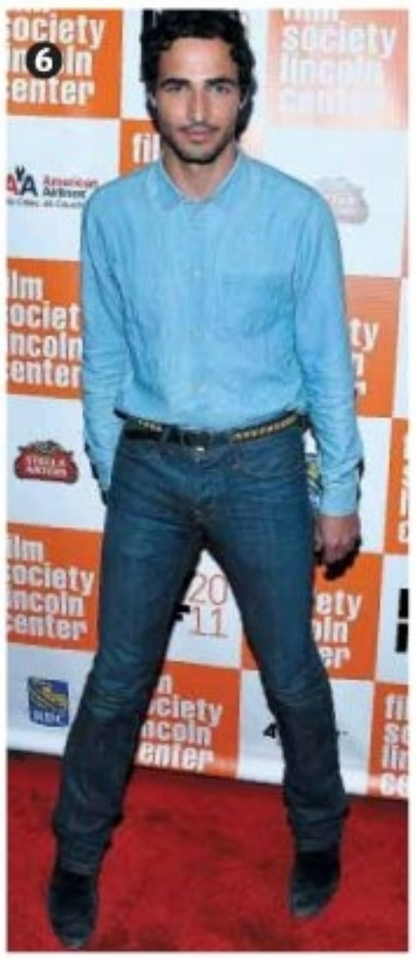
5. It's already a pain to walk in a cast and crutches, so we are utterly baffled at Jessie J's choice to wear these red, incredibly unforgiving pants to the Lil Wayne record release party of "Tha Carter IV" in L.A. in August.

6. Fashion designer Zac Posen looked atypically awkward at New York City's Lincoln Center on Sunday. His posture had nothing to do with the tightness of his jeans. Maybe.

7. Lead vocalist of Thirty Seconds To Mars, Jared Leto, beguiled his fans in Netherlands with his musical talents and various unusual bulges in June of this year.

8. Justin Bieber opted for a more "manly" look and added a black tie and vest to his ensemble of low-waist skinnys. Way to keep it classy.

9. Recording artist Nicki Minaj might be big on success in the hip-hop scene but the camel colored pants she wore to this year's MTV Movie Awards make her hips look just as big.



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THE WEEK THAT WAS

Do you think we're moving in the wrong direction and long for change? Then you fall smack-dab into the 100 percent

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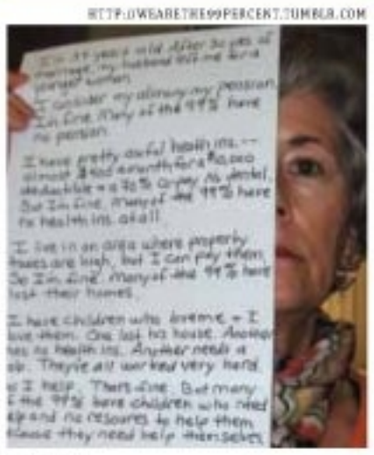

US by numbers: Divided we fall

"CONSERVATIVES LAUNCH 'WE ARE THE 53%' BLOG," CBSNEWS.COM, OCT. 11. Occupy Wall Street forces created the "We Are The 99 Percent" blog to highlight the hardships of suffering Americans. But if OWS truly pitted this supermajority against the "1 Percent" financial elite, we'd be seeing a lot more agreement. Somehow, the math must be off. (Take the conservative response: The "We Are The 53 Percent" blog, which paints protesters as irresponsible whiners.)

Like all things political in the U.S., discussion of OWS has been tainted by the left-right divide, which clouds necessary debate with blind allegiance. But one thing both left and right agree on is that something's gotta give. The right, with its Tea Party movement, thinks the problem lies in government. OWS pushes against the corresponding institution, corporations.

Could be the solution lies somewhere in the middle. Unchecked, corporations would consume the whole world in the name of profit. Likewise, unregulated government breeds corruption.

Add them together and you've got a 100 percent chance of disaster.

Adorable headlines

"Man arrested after bank teller can't read note"
TOPIX.COM, OCT. 11
Banks 1, public schools 0.

"The beauty of failure"
HUFFINGTONPOST.COM, OCT. 10
Go home, Sarah Palin.

"World's hairiest man promotes dating agency"
WEIRDASIANEWS.COM, OCT. 10
OKSasquatch?

"Tiger Woods has hot dog thrown at him"
HUFFINGTONPOST.COM, OCT. 9
How the tables have turned.

"Pizza delivery man turns in pot user"
MSNBC.MSN.COM, OCT. 4
Next week: Out of business.

Horoscope

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Don't waste your time dealing with a subordinate instead of the head honcho, because you must know you're not going to get anywhere. Go directly to the head of the class.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Once you have thought an important decision through, act in accordance with the way you have reasoned things out. Don't yield to an impulsive reaction.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** An imaginative product of your ingenuity may actually have profitable possibilities. If you follow your plans, you have a chance for good results.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Two separate situations in which you're involved might have a chance of fusing together very nicely. It'll be to your advantage to tie them together to see what you can do.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Both your instincts and logic will be operating at full force, so see if you can link them together in order to more greatly enhance your possibilities for success.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** There is a strong possibility that a chance remark made by someone who works in a place where big things are happening will put you onto something substantial. Keep your ears open.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you're doing reasonably well with your work and seem to be on a roll, don't be too eager to call it a day. Get things done while everything is going your way.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Don't count your social involvements as wasted hours. You need some interaction with fun people as a break from the harshness of the working world. Make time for them, because they'll lift your spirits.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Play it cool for best results. Don't disclose the hand you're holding until your counterpart reveals his or hers.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** It might fall to you to mediate a sticky situation between two close friends. Don't back off from this unwanted responsibility if you know you can resolve things.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Don't delay going after an important objective if you believe the favorable conditions you're now experiencing may only be temporary. Strike while the iron is smoking.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** If you think you have a solution that would resolve a misunderstanding between two close friends, speak up. It's important you do so while both parties are in a forgiving mood.

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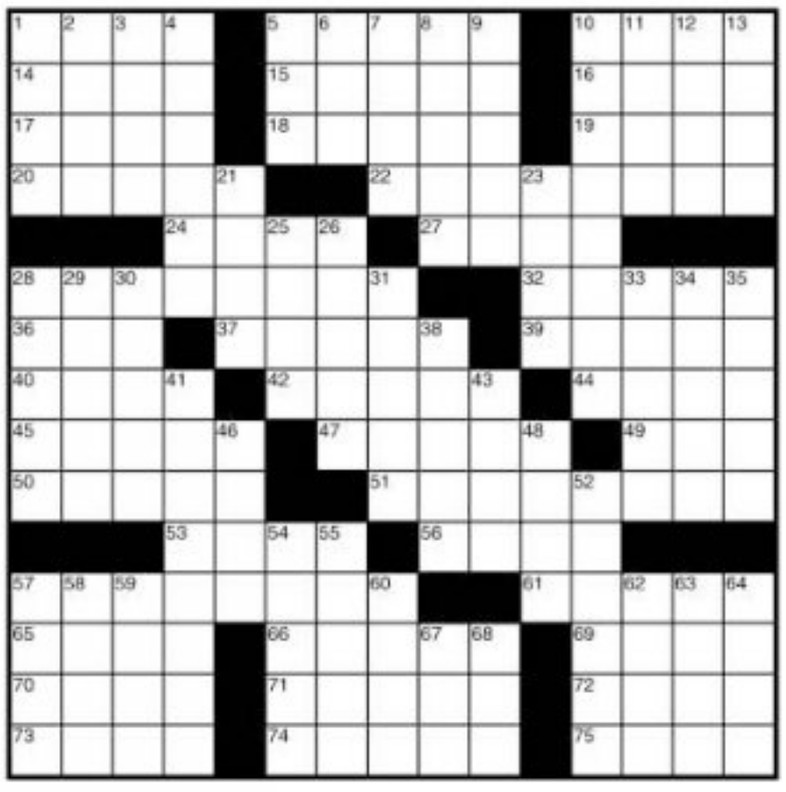

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Solution to Thursday's crossword

How to play Sudoku: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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In the NFL

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The NFL has fined Saints S Roman Harper $15,000 for his Sunday cheap shot on Steve Smith. Harper knocked Smith to the ground well after the WR crossed the goal line on a 30-yard TD catch from Cam Newton. The teams briefly scuffled after the incident. METRO

In the NFC

STANDINGS

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REDSKINS	3-1
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COWBOYS	2-2
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49ERS	4-1
SEAHAWKS	2-3
CARDINALS	1-4
RAMS	0-4

Will the NFL ever stay under?

It's difficult to explain all the scoring going on in the NFL this season.

Theoretically, the lockout should have harmed offenses more than defenses. They didn't have time to work on timing, advanced plays or continuity. All defensive guys have to do is go out there and hit.

Apparently, that's harder than it sounds. Through five weeks, the over has hit in 48 games, and the under has hit 26 times. So if you bet $100 on the over in every NFL game this season, you would be up $1,940. Not bad.

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PICKS, TRICKS AND MORE

The question now, as we head into Week 6, is whether the oddsmakers have adjusted. "Yes" is the safe answer.

When the dust settles each season, the over/under ends up around 50/50. This 63.16 rate just isn't going to last. ADAM LEVITAN

Birds say 'Wide 9' not the problem

- Eagles defensive alignment paving way for big runs — for opposition
- But Castillo has no plans to ditch it
- Players still believe in system

Knock knock.
Who's there?
Wide nine.
Wide nine who?
Wide you still using that defensive scheme?

Ok, bad joke, but you get the idea.

Everyone has been knocking the Eagles' new wide nine. From the national media to opposing teams, the defensive scheme just isn't working right now for Juan Castillo's unit.

After the Bills' Fred Jackson racked up 196 total yards last week, he credited the wide nine for his success. Especially on the screen passes.

"Again, wide nines," Jackson said. "They like to get upfield and we knew as long as we could get that nine [the widest defensive end] upfield, we could get under him and be able to spring off it."

ESPN's Ron Jaworski praised the Lions' version of the wide nine, but was quick to point out that it was successful due to the solid play of Detroit's linebackers. The Eagles don't have that luxury with their current personnel, which means the middle of the field is often wide open.

Even so, Castillo is toeing the company line. As long as the sacks keep coming — the Eagles are tied for second in the league with 16 sacks — the team has no plans to abandon the defensive scheme.

"It's a good opportunity to pressure the quarterback. We have to make some adjustments," Castillo said. "There's some things that you'll see this week. I can't get into the particulars, but you'll see some adjustments that will help us."

That message has trickled down to his players.

"We still believe in it," said linebacker Jamar Chaney. "The Detroit Lions run the same type of defense and front four that we run and they're 5-0. The wide nine is not the problem."

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▶ Jamar Chaney and the Eagles still believe in the 'wide nine' defensive alignment.

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Eagles at Redskins, 1 p.m. (FOX)

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The cold, hard football facts

A look at this weekend's NFL action, through the eyes of the football stat experts at coldhardfootballfacts.com.

The Real QB Rating

Some statistics are more important than others. Cold, Hard Football Facts Insider tracks the importance of many different indicators. And no stat is more useful than "Real QB Rating," which measures all aspects of quarterback play: passing, running, sacks, fumbles and more. (Passer rating measures only passing.)

- **Teams that win** the Real QB Rating battle are 63-14 (.818) in 2011. It's also incredible 51-26 (.662) at predicting winners. In both cases, it's the most accurate stat in football.

Here's the Real QB matchup for five key games this weekend:

- **Buffalo** (93.3) at New York Giants (88.6)
- **Philadelphia** (78.6) at Washington (68.3)
- San Francisco (92.2) at **Detroit** (97.5)
- Dallas (82.8) at **New England** (104.2)
- **Miami** (74.0) at New York Jets (68.0)

Ffchamps.com's 'Start and Sit'

- **Start him**
  The bye week came at the perfect time for **Cowboys QB Tony Romo**, who gets both his starting WRs back at full strength after some injury issues. He'll have no trouble airing it out against the Patriots defense.
- **Sit him**
  Lions RB Jahvid Best's Week 6 opponent, the San Francisco 49ers, have held opposing RBs to less than 85 yards in five games, and have yet to give up a rushing TD to an RB.

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WEEKEND FOOTBALL BETTING GUIDE

RAMS 0-4 at PACKERS 5-0

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Line: Packers -15.5 (O/U 48)
The Scoop: Yes, it's a big spread, but the Pack are 4-1 ATS this season. Also, take the over.
Pick: Packers

BILLS 4-1 at GIANTS 3-2

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Line: Giants -3 (O/U 50)
The Scoop: Giants are 2-5 ATS in last seven at home. Blue is favored for name only; go with the Bills.
Pick: Bills

COLTS 0-5 at BENGALS 3-2

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Line: Bengals -7 (O/U 41)
The Scoop: Cincy is only 5-13 SU in their last 18. They aren't good and shouldn't be giving so much.
Pick: Colts

PANTHERS 1-4 at FALCONS 2-3

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Line: Falcons -4 (O/U 50.5)
The Scoop: Cam Newton is king of the backdoor cover. Falcons won't let it happen this week, though.
Pick: Falcons

49ERS 4-1 at LIONS 5-0

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Line: Lions -4.5 (O/U 46)
The Scoop: Lions are undefeated ATS in their last 10 games (9-0-1).
Pick: Lions

EAGLES 1-4 at REDSKINS 3-1

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Line: Eagles -2 (O/U 47.5)
The Scoop: No one believes in the 'Skins. Neither do we, with them 2-5 ATS in their last seven at home.
Pick: Eagles

JAGUARS 1-4 at STEELERS 3-2

SUNDAY, 1 P.M.

Line: Steelers -13 (O/U 40)
The Scoop: Steelers don't play many blowouts (last week excluded), which is why they're 2-3 ATS.
Pick: Jaguars

BROWNS 2-2 at RAIDERS 3-2

SUNDAY, 4:05 P.M.

Line: Raiders -7 (O/U 44.5)
The Scoop: Raiders are 0-5 ATS in their last five against Cleveland. But this is a different Raiders team.
Pick: Raiders

TEXANS 3-2 at RAVENS 3-1

SUNDAY, 4:05 P.M.

Line: Ravens -8 (O/U 45)
The Scoop: Ravens are 3-1 ATS this year. When they win, they win big (by 25 points per game).
Pick: Ravens

SAINTS 4-1 at BUCS 3-2

SUNDAY, 4:15 P.M.

Line: Saints -5 (O/U 49.5)
The Scoop: Saints are better SU, and five isn't enough to get off them.
Pick: Saints

Cowboys at Patriots (4:15 Sunday)

LINE: Patriots -7 (O/U 55)

KEY INJURIES: RB BenJarvus Green-Ellis (foot) probable. WR Dez Bryant (thigh) probable. DE Jason Hatcher (calf) out. DL Mike Wright (concussion) on IR.

THE SCOOP: The Pats are 4-1 ATS this season, while the Cowboys are 1-2-1. The reason? People love the Cowboys and always bet on them regardless of the season results or spreads. So a 7-point spread could be even larger. New England could be without Jerod Mayo, but their offense will be all intact and you know Tom Brady will be putting up points. One word of caution: Stay away from the largest O/U of the week. Feel confident in taking the Pats to cover, but the 'Boys have a good defense.

PICK: Patriots

VIKINGS 1-4 at BEARS 2-3

SUNDAY, 8:20 P.M.

Line: Bears -3 (O/U 42)
The Scoop: Minnesota is just 2-12 in its last 14 games on the road. Worse than you would have guessed, right? However, Chicago is getting three for being home, so the experts think this one will be close. One thing the Vikings can do is put pressure on the quarterback. The Bears' line can't protect Jay Cutler.
Pick: Vikings

DOLPHINS 0-4 at JETS 2-3

MONDAY, 8:30 P.M.

Line: Jets -7 (O/U 42.5)
The Scoop: Both of these teams are terrible ATS this season — 1-8 combined. The Jets are a better team by quite a bit, though. And Matt Moore will likely be completely confused by Rex Ryan's defense. Forget about the trends so far this year. The Jets win, and they will win big. Take the over, while you're at it.
Pick: Jets

PURDUE 3-2 at PENN ST 5-1

SATURDAY, NOON

Line: Penn State -11
The Scoop: The Lions are 1-5 ATS this year — the opposite of their SU record. Not a good sign.
Pick: Purdue

INDIANA 1-5 at WISCONSIN 5-0

SATURDAY, NOON

Line: Wisconsin -40.5
The Scoop: Talk about a massive spread. The Badgers win easy, but by 41 points? That's crazy.
Pick: Indiana

MICHIGAN 6-0 at MICH. ST 4-1

SATURDAY, NOON

Line: Michigan State -2
The Scoop: Michigan is 5-1 ATS and still are underdogs against MSU. It doesn't make sense.
Pick: Michigan

S. CAROLINA 5-1 at MISS. ST 3-3

SATURDAY, NOON

Line: S. Carolina -3
The Scoop: The Bulldogs are 1-5 ATS this season. No more Stephen Garcia distraction helps the Gamecocks.
Pick: South Carolina

LSU 6-0 at TENNESSEE 3-2

SATURDAY, 3:30 P.M.

Line: LSU -17.5
The Scoop: LSU will win, but the Vols are 3-1-1 ATS this season.
Pick: Tennessee

OHIO ST 3-3 at ILLINOIS 6-0

SATURDAY, 3:30 P.M.

Line: Illinois -3.5
The Scoop: Every trend will be misleading for this one. The Buckeyes stink. Go with the Illini.
Pick: Illinois

OKLA. ST 5-0 at TEXAS 4-1

SATURDAY, 3:30 P.M.

Line: OSU -8.5
The Scoop: The Cowboys are 4-1 ATS, including a huge cover last week against Kansas.
Pick: Oklahoma State

ALABAMA 6-0 at MISSISSIPPI 2-3

SATURDAY, 6 P.M.

Line: Alabama -26.5
The Scoop: The Tide are 5-1 ATS and are significantly better than the Rebels. Shouldn't be close.
Pick: Alabama

FLORIDA 4-2 at AUBURN 4-2

SATURDAY, 7 P.M.

Line: Florida -2
The Scoop: Both coming off blowout losses. We go with Auburn, though, with Florida's QB questions.
Pick: Auburn

ARIZONA ST 3-2 at OREGON 4-1

SATURDAY, 10:15 P.M.

Line: Oregon -14
The Scoop: The Sun Devils are 1-5 ATS in the teams' last six meetings.
Pick: Oregon

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TEBOW TIME: GET EXCITED

There's no gray area when it comes to Tim Tebow. Either you're a hater, or you bow before his mere presence.

But fantasy owners should have a different take on Tebow-mania. He runs, and therefore he is.

Once the Broncos come out of their bye in Week 7, Tebow is going to be a poor real-life quarterback. He is wildly inaccurate, has awful mechanics and can barely even get the ball from center. He'll also be a top-10 fantasy quarterback weekly. Here's why:

Goal-line back

If I told you a running back was going to get all his team's carries inside the 5-yard line and average about 50 yards per game, would you be excited? Now add in about 25 pass attempts per game.

Much like Cam Newton in Carolina, Tebow is going to score rushing touchdowns weekly. Newton is currently fantasy's No. 2 quarterback.

History repeated

This isn't Tebow's first shot in the NFL. He started three games last season, averaging 217.0 yards passing, 66.3 yards rushing and he scored seven all-purpose touchdowns during that stint. That made Tebow fantasy's No. 1 quarterback in that span. So, without further ado, it's Tebow time.

Tim Tebow has overtaken Kyle Orton as Denver's starting quarterback.

NFL news

No Julio

▶ **Julio Jones** has already been ruled out for Week 6, hinting at a multi-week injury. That means Harry Douglas takes over as starter on a team becoming increasingly pass-happy. Deep league owners should take a flier.

Jackie Battle

▶ **RB, Chiefs**
Battle is far from a special talent, but he's a candidate for 10-15 carries behind an elite run-blocking line.

Greg Little

▶ **WR, Browns**
Little is now the starting "X" receiver in Cleveland, meaning he'll play every down. Explosive with the ball.

James Jones

▶ **WR, Packers**
Jones's snap count is on the rise while Donald Driver's is falling off. Jones has the raw ability to be No. 1 WR.

NFL stock watch

Need to turn your season around? Buy low on these guys:

1 **Dez Bryant, WR, DAL** — Bryant hasn't been healthy in a game yet this season. Thanks to last week's bye, that's about to change. Megatron-like talent.

2 **Chris Johnson, RB, TEN** — The Titans' say their No. 1 priority during their bye week is to fix the running game.

3 **Vincent Jackson, WR, SD** — Jackson has only flashed his dominant potential so far. Philip Rivers is an annual slow starter.

Sid the Kid close to a return?

Sidney Crosby has been cleared for contact for the first time since suffering concussion-like symptoms last January.

However, the 24-year-old isn't putting a timetable on his return.

Crosby, who had been wearing a white, noncontact helmet in recent practices, is now sporting a black helmet, like the rest of his teammates.

"This is a good step in the right direction, and we'll see how it goes the next little bit," Crosby said.

Penguins coach Dan Bylsma said Crosby participated in nearly every drill in training camp. Still, the team is in no rush to get him back. The Pens, at 3-0-1, are off to their best start since 1994-95. METRO

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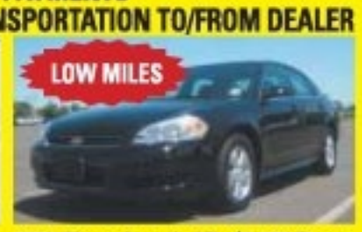

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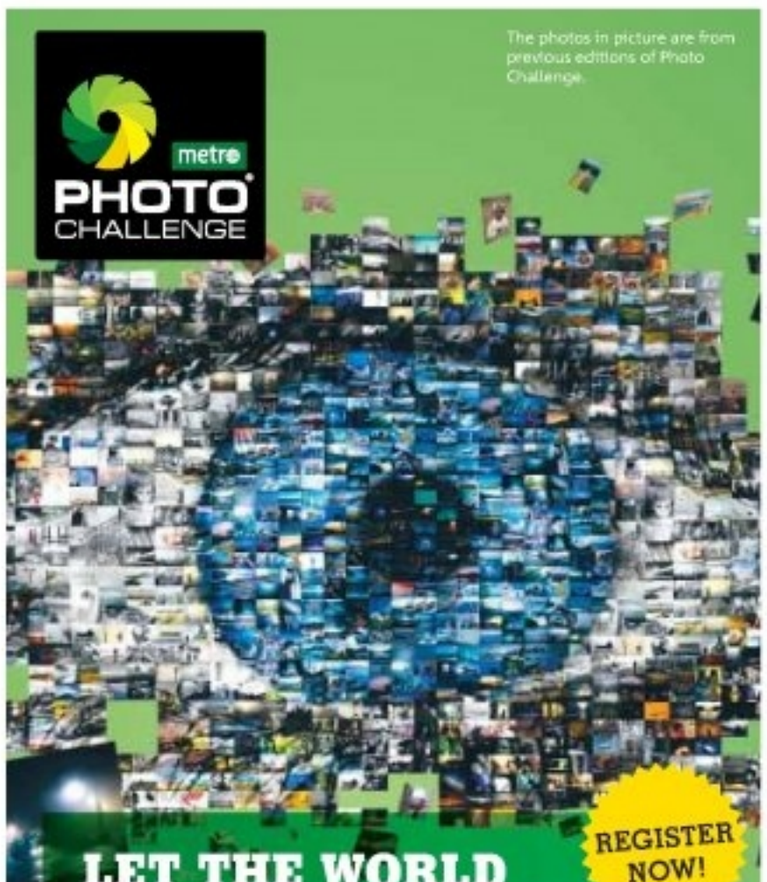

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Ruben Amaro stated that change is good when holding court after the end of the Phillies' disappointing 2011 season.

Expect a change in philosophy, not personnel.

"In my mind, this is a championship caliber lineup," Amaro said. "We just have to go about it a little differently."

Amaro won't seek a replacement for Ryan Howard, who might miss the start of the season with a torn left Achilles tendon.

"I don't think we'll do that unless they [doctors] say it'll be a year," Amaro said.

Considering the state of the bullpen, it's not surprising Amaro wants to resign closer Ryan Madson.

"We'd like to bring him back as our closer," Amaro said. "But it takes two to tango."

If Madson signs elsewhere, expect Amaro to sign a free agent to close.

"I don't feel comfortable with the guys we have internally," Amaro said.

Amaro reached out to Roy Oswalt's agent, but the Phillies' brain trust is unsure if 'Little Roy' will be back next season.

"He's still one of the better starting pitchers in baseball," Amaro said. "We have to make a decision on that one, it might be a tough one."

Looking to the future, the Phillies are pondering a megadeal to its youngest ace, Cole Hamels.

"We would like to keep him in our uniform," Amaro said. "He's one of the more effective and better left-handed pitchers in the game."

Amaro faces the most difficult offseason of his career. There are a lot of questions and the clock is ticking. It's 122 days until pitchers and catchers.

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Phillies analysis

TOUGH DECISIONS: BREAKING DOWN THE PHILLIES' PITCHING

Starting rotation

Roy Halladay: Doc will take the ball April 5 when the Phils help christen the Miami Marlins' new pleasure palace. Halladay had another terrific season and deserved a better postseason fate.

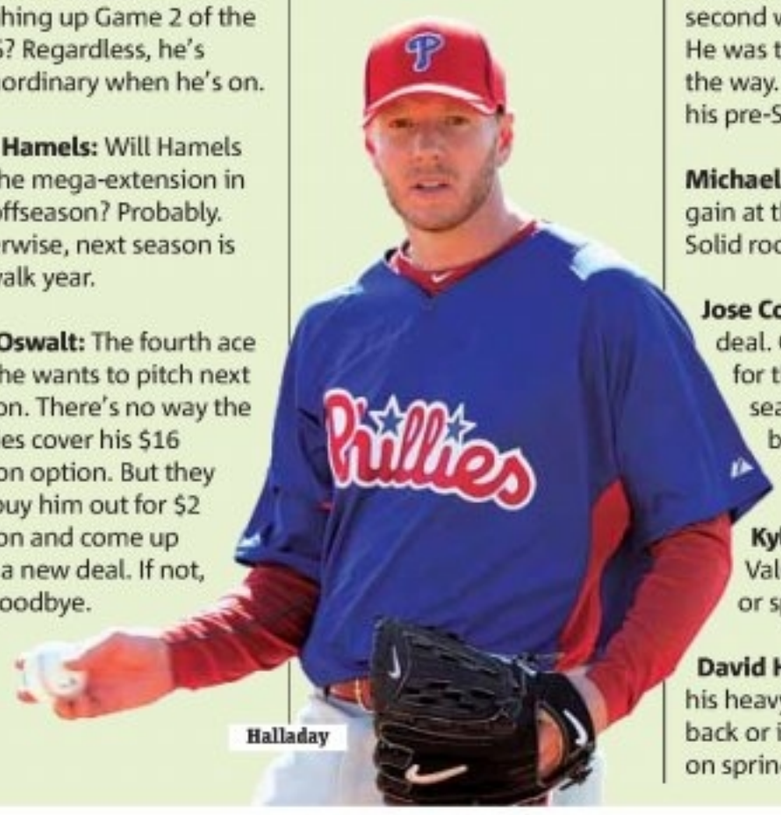
Cliff Lee: Will Lee remain Philly's favorite athlete after coughing up Game 2 of the NLDS? Regardless, he's extraordinary when he's on.

Cole Hamels: Will Hamels get the mega-extension in the offseason? Probably. Otherwise, next season is his walk year.

Roy Oswalt: The fourth ace says he wants to pitch next season. There's no way the Phillies cover his $16 million option. But they can buy him out for $2 million and come up with a new deal. If not, it's goodbye.

Vance Worley: He had a phenomenal rookie season (11-3, 2.85 ERA) and best of all, Worley makes the major league minimum.

Joe Blanton: Big Joe is in the last year of his three-year deal. He could be the No. 5 if Oswalt departs.



Halladay

Bullpen

Ryan Madson: The closer spoke of how he would love the Phillies' core to remain but that was before he was reminded by uber-agent Scott Boras that hometown discounts don't exist.

Antonio Bastardo: Best reliever in baseball until the second week of September. He was terrible the rest of the way. Can Bastardo regain his pre-September form?

Michael Stutes: Another bargain at the MLB minimum. Solid rookie season.

Jose Contreras: Last year of deal. Contreras was great for the first month of the season. His age and elbow injury are not encouraging.

Kyle Kendrick: Valuable as a long man or spot-starter.

David Herndon: Phillies like his heavy sinker. He may be back or in AAA, depending on spring training stats. EC

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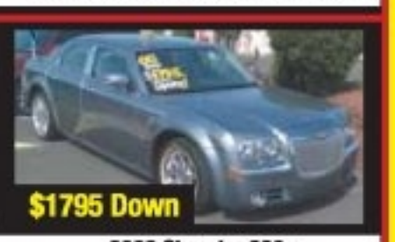

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Owls voted No. 2 in Atlantic 10 preseason poll Fernandez, Moore picked All-Conference, first team But Randall out for start of season

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Moore is a preseason all-conference pick for Temple.

It's Xavier and Temple, and the rest of the pack. That's how the Atlantic 10 looks to shake out this season.

The Owls were projected second in the preseason poll behind Xavier, the only two teams to receive first-place votes in the poll revealed at Thursday's Atlantic 10 Media Day.

The Owls return an experienced, guard-heavy team coming off its first NCAA tournament victory since 2001. Juan Fernandez and Ramone Moore, both named A-10 Preseason All-Conference First Team, lead one of the top backcourts in college hoops.

"It's a certainly a big help when you can have great faith and trust in the guys that are going to have the ball most of the time," Dunphy said. "It's comforting to know you have a backcourt like we have."

Dunphy revealed that Scootie Randall, his fourth-leading scorer last year, will miss the beginning of the season rehabbing from a torn meniscus. He had surgery in June and is rehabbing. Dunphy doesn't know when he'll return.

Without Randall, and with the loss of four-year starting big man Lavoy Allen, the Owls will need the likes of Khalif Wyatt, Rahlir Jefferson and Micheal Eric to step up. If those key contributors progress and the backcourt lives up to expectations, the Owls should return to the NCAA tournament for the fifth straight year.

"It's fabulous to get to the tournament," Dunphy said. "We're just so thrilled to be there the last couple of years. We just hope to get back there again."

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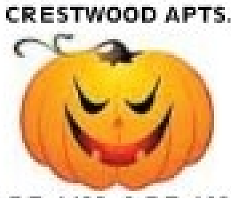

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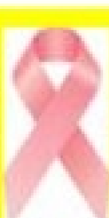

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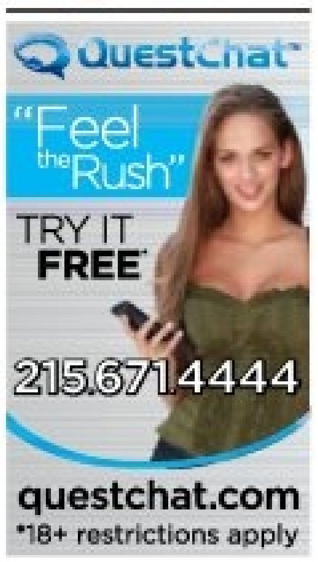

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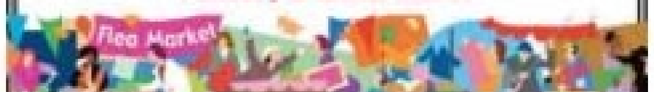

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